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TITLE: ORGANIZER ATTACHMENT FOR VEHICLE SUN VISOR

MAILSTOP: PETITION

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PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL

Dear Sir:

This is a follow-up to a notice suggesting that in order to complete the initial petition request of MPEP 708.02, item II: infringement, items 2(B) and 2(C) need to be added. Below are the necessary additions.

With regard to 2 (B), claim 12 of the application states, "An organizer attachment for a vehicle sun visor having inside and outside major visor surfaces, the sun visor being pivotable between a raised position wherein the inside visor surface resides adjacent an interior ceiling of the vehicle and a lowered position wherein the outside visor surface resides adjacent a front windshield of the vehicle, said organizer attachment comprising: (a) an organizer panel having opposing inside and outside major panel surfaces, at least one of said inside and outside panel surfaces defining an object storage area; (b) at least one strap separate from said organizer panel and adapted for being attached to the sun visor, said at least one strap comprising one of male and female fastener means for releasably mating with complementary fastener means carried by said organizer panel, such that said organizer panel is readily removed from the sun visor for transport outside of the vehicle; and (c) means located in said object storage area for carrying objects for ready access and use by an occupant of the vehicle.

In looking at the "Quick-Release CD Visor," it would clearly infringe claim 12 of my patent application. This product has an organizer panel having opposing inside and outside major panel surfaces, which is covered in 12 (a). The product also has at least

one of said inside and outside panel surfaces as an object storage area, which is also covered in 12 (a), and at least one strap separate from the organizer panel that is attached to the sun visor, which is covered in 12 (b). The strap comprises one of male and female fastener means for releasably mating with complementary fastener means carried by said organizer panel, which is covered in 12(b), such that said organizer panel is readily removed from the sun visor for transport outside of the vehicle, which again is covered in 12(b). Finally, the product has means located in said object storage area for carrying objects for ready access and use by an occupant of the vehicle, which is covered in 12 (c). This "quick-release" feature is clearly covered by the scope and claim 12 of my patent application.

With regard to 2 (C), the prior art does not reveal anything that would contest the patentability of claim 12. In reviewing the prior art, US Patent No. 5,301,856 by Newsome, D 381,947 by Bergh and 5,762,246 by Drew were considered before submitting the application. The most closely related piece of prior art was that of Drew. While this patent discloses the closest similarities to the invention, the scope of the application is still much different than this and any of the prior art.

Considering the additions of 2(B) and 2(C) to MPEP 708.02, item II: Infringement, and with 1, 2 and 2(A) already in place, please prosecute the petition to advance the examination of this application. Any questions or concerns regarding this matter should be addressed to my representative attorney Jeffrey Schwartz, Reg. No. 37,532 at:

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Respectfully submitted,

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World-class action sports talent meets cutting edge design

- Stores 12 CDs in slip in, protective slots
- Take your music with you—easily detaches from vehicle sun visor

Español

Un talento excepcional en deportes de acción

unido a un extraordinario diseño y calidad

- Estuche de parasol para 12 CDs; ranuras con protección que permiten un fácil acceso
- Estuche desprendible de CD para visera, con sistema único de sujeción, se retira fácilmente de la visera del auto para permitirte llevar los discos contigo

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Les meilleurs athlètes d'action s'unissent

à un design et une qualité extraordinaires

- Visière voiture pour 12 CDs; accès aisé aux CDs dans leur pochette avec tissu protecteur
- Un portefeuille CD détachable qui grâce à son système de fixation unique se détache facilement du pare-soleil d'un véhicule pour que vous puissiez emmener vos CD avec vous

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